

Briton in Russian Spy Trial Says London Tricked Him

MOSCOW, May 8 (AP)—Greville Wynne, a Briton, accused the British intelligence service today of having tricked him into a deal that landed him in a Soviet prison as a spy for his homeland and the United States.

"That's why I am here," Mr. Wynne despondently told the three-judge military court in the second day of a Soviet show trial that has put him in the dock with Oleg Penkovsky, a Russian scientific official. Both confessed to spying.

In three hours of testimony, the British businessman said he had delivered packages of film and other matter back and forth between Moscow and London, unaware that he was working as an assistant to Mr. Penkovsky.

He said a high agent of the British intelligence service "grew very angry" when he asked what was going on.

Without naming the agent, he said he was told Mr. Penkovsky's activities were wholly in accord with the wishes of the Soviet Union. Otherwise Moscow wouldn't give Mr. Penkovsky visas for trips to London, one as the head of a Soviet trade delegation, he quoted the agent as saying.

Time after time Mr. Wynne's testimony clashed with that of Mr. Penkovsky.

And Mr. Wynne insisted, while the court members smiled, that he didn't know until too late what he was doing.

Both pleaded guilty yesterday at the opening of the trial.

Mr. Penkovsky disputed Mr. Wynne's claim that he was only a courier for the information the Russian collected for Britain and the United States.

"He was not only a messenger," Mr. Penkovsky testified. "Wynne must not minimize his role."

For Westerners it was an unusual spectacle to see the two accused men glaring at each other from time to time where they sat in opposite corners of the railed prisoners' dock.

Where their testimony conflicted, as it did often, the prosecutor's attorney would call first one, then the other, to tell his version.

Mr. Penkovsky repeatedly testified and told Mr. Wynne, each time he gave him a package

age of filmed industrial and military items, what was in the package.

"Never!" shouted Mr. Wynne, when his turn came. "He never explained what was in the packages."

But slowly the feeling began to come to Mr. Wynne, he testified, that his business trips between Moscow—four in 1961 and one in 1962—were also concerned with carrying intelligence material.

He said he told the high intelligence agent:

"I have a feeling I am getting involved in something I don't understand and I don't want to have anything to do with."

Then, he said, the agent became angry and insisted he should continue to carry on the work, which he declared was important to both the Soviet Union and Britain.

Apparently reading from notes before him, Mr. Penkovsky said Mr. Wynne had constantly discussed espionage activities with him and coached him in identifying various British and American diplomats he had to contact.

Mr. Wynne appeared to change his claim somewhat when one of the three Soviet Army judges then asked him if he still felt he had served only as a messenger.

"Chiefly, I was to help Penkovsky during his stay in London," Mr. Wynne replied clearly and firmly. "My actual role I did not fully realize until I came here."

Mr. Wynne, 42, a businessman who represented British engineering firms on trips to the Soviet Union, admitted yesterday that he brought packages to Mr. Penkovsky and delivered packages from him to British consular officer Roderick Chisholm and to Mr. Chisholm's wife.

But Mr. Wynne contended he did not know that the packages for the Russian contained espionage instructions and equipment, and that the packages he received contained exposed film.

Mr. Chisholm, who returned to London several months ago, denied everything at his home in London last night. "It looks like a farce," he said.

Mr. Wynne and Mr. Penkovsky pleaded guilty yesterday.

against the Soviet Union, and the 43-year-old Russian pleaded guilty to a charge of high treason.

Mr. Wynne, however, told the court he made his plea "with certain reservations, the details of which I will make in my statement."

Informants said the trial will continue until Saturday, when the court is expected to return a guilty verdict. Both men could be sentenced to death by a firing squad. But Mr. Wynne—like all other foreigners tried on spy charges here since the war—is expected to get a long prison sentence.

Mr. Penkovsky, a colonel in the Soviet Army reserve, is not expected to get such a sentence.

Soviet propaganda organs gave the trial the biggest publicity buildup since the August, 1960 trial of American U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers.